

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Annual Town Meeting**  
**May 11, 2018**

: I, Melanie Mangum, as Town Clerk of Royalston, do hereby certify that the following are the actions taken at the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2018, and was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

:true copy attest



:town seal

Melanie A. Mangum, Town Clerk

***NOTE: ARTICLES AS PRINTED IN THE POSTED WARRANT APPEAR FIRST, MOTIONS AND ACTIONS ON ARTICLES APPEAR IN BOLD AFTER EACH ARTICLE***

Moderator George Northrop called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Out of 888 registered voters, there were 34 voters present at the start of this town meeting. The meeting began with a proclamation to honor Linda Alger, retired Selectperson, for her 18 years of service to the Town. The proclamation declared Friday, May 11 as Linda Alger Day. The meeting then proceeded with Christine Long, Select Board Chair, presenting a financial overview of the Town. Motion from the floor to allow Tammy Crockett, Business Manager for the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School to make a brief presentation regarding the school and budget. Seconded and voted unanimously. Motion to take Line 60 of the Budget Article out of order and vote the Monty Tech Assessment amount, seconded. Line 60 voted at \$121,932 Unanimously.

**Article 1.** To choose one or more persons to act for the Town in lawsuits, or act anything thereon.

**Moved to choose the Select Board to act for the Town in lawsuits, seconded. Passed Unanimously**

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury, any sums of money to meet the appropriations under this warrant, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously**

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and to issue or renew notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws as amended, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously**

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously**

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$65,295.35 (the fifth payment on a seven-year loan) to pay debt service on the borrowing authorized by the vote of the May 10, 2013 Town Meeting, Article 23, for a pumper/engine for Fire Department Station 2, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously**

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$52,172.58 to pay debt service (the third payment on a 35-year loan) on the borrowing authorized by the vote of the May 11, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 43, and amended by the vote of the December 28, 2012 Special Town Meeting, Article 2, for the Royalston Wastewater Treatment Plant, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously**

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$50,576 to pay debt service (the second payment on a six-year loan) on the borrowing authorized by the vote of the May 5, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, Article 21, for a 10-wheel sander for the Department of Public Works, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.**

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will transfer from the Capital Stabilization fund the sum of \$20,875 for the second annual payment on the five-year lease/purchase agreement for the one-ton dump truck for the Department of Public Works, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.**

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to enter into an agreement for a term of up to or more than three years for the lease/purchase and equipping of a loader for the Department of Public Works pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c 44, §21C, and further to transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund \$33,685 to fund the FY2019 payment, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.**

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to pay the sum of \$600,000 for engineering, plans, and authorized roadwork up to the reimbursable amount according to the provisions of Chapter 90 Massachusetts General Laws and/or STRAP grant, and the same to be spent with the approval of the Select Board and Mass DOT, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.**

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 to complete the upgrade on the Town garage electrical system, including all necessary and related costs, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.**

**Article 12.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board shall determine, temporary easements for the North Fitzwilliam Road Over Lawrence Brook Bridge project, including, but not limited to, temporary easements TE-1, TE-2 and TE-3 shown on plans entitled "Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of North Fitzwilliam Road Over Lawrence Brook Bridge No. R-12-009 (BT5) in the Town of Royalston," revised through January 12, 2018, as said plans may be amended, said plans on file with the Town Clerk, for public way purposes, including, but not limited to, the construction, alteration, maintenance, improvement, repair and/or replacement of a bridge, and for installation of a temporary pedestrian walkway and utility pole, grading and construction purposes; and, further, to see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds, accept gifts or borrow a sum of money for these purposes and any expenses related thereto; and, further, to authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out said acquisitions and other acts authorized herein, or act anything thereon.

**Moved that the town vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board shall determine, temporary easements for the North Fitzwilliam Road Over Lawrence Brook Bridge project, including, but not limited to, temporary easements TE-1, TE-2 and TE-3 shown on plans entitled "Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of North Fitzwilliam Road Over Lawrence Brook Bridge No. R-12-009 (BT5) in the Town of Royalston," revised through January 12, 2018, as said plans may be amended, said plans on file with the Town Clerk, for public way purposes, including, but not limited to, the construction, alteration, maintenance, improvement, repair and/or replacement of a bridge, and for installation of a temporary pedestrian walkway and utility pole, grading and construction purposes; and, further, to see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds, accept gifts or borrow a sum of money for these purposes and any expenses related thereto; and, further, to authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out said acquisitions and other acts authorized herein. Seconded. Passed Unanimously.**

**Article 13.**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund, the sum of \$108,624.42 to balance the FY2018 Snow & Ice Account, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.**

**Article 14.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement for a term of up to or more than three years for the lease/purchase and equipping of a utility vehicle for the Police Department pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §21C; and further, to transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$8,328 to fund the first year's payment, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.**

**Article 15.**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Act FY 2019 estimated annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community

Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2019, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, or act anything thereon:

**Appropriations:**

From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses	<b>\$1,800</b>
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**Reserves:**

From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	<b>\$3,600</b>
From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	<b>3,600</b>
From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	<b>3,600</b>
From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	<b>\$23,400</b>

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.**

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Community Preservation Fund \$3,000 from the Historic Resources Reserve and \$5,000 from the Budgeted Reserve for partial restoration of the School House #1 Historical Society building located On the Common, including all incidental or related costs, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.**

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Community Preservation Fund \$8,000 from the Open Space Reserve and \$5,500 from the Budgeted Reserve to restore and rehabilitate land for recreational use by building a Performance Stage, Phase 3 of the Bullock Park Project, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.**

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Community Preservation Fund \$3,000 from the Historic Resources Reserve and \$5,900 from the Budgeted Reserve for restoration of the Town Clock located in the First Congregational Church on the Common, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.**

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of General Law Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ and establish a Sewer Enterprise Fund for the operation of the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer System, to be managed by the Sewer Commission, said Fund to be effective beginning Fiscal Year 2019, or act anything thereon.

**No motion made. No action taken.**

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money, to operate the Sewer Enterprise, or take any action thereon.

**No motion made. No action taken.**

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$1,300 for capital expenditures for the sewer system, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.**

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$1,832.10 for capital expenditures for the sewer system, or act anything thereon.

**No motion made. No action taken.**

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise the amount of \$39,183 to operate the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer System, the amounts to be raised from user fees, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.**

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$10,600, to repair and refurbish the pumps in Pump Stations 1 & 2 for the sewer system, including any incidental or related costs, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.**

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$30,000 to design, purchase and install an emergency generator at the Royalston Community School, including any incidental or related costs, or act anything thereon.

**Motion to table the article, seconded. Motion to table passed 28 in favor, 1 against. Article TABLED.**

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$6,000 to repoint the brickwork and make other incidental or related repairs to prevent leaking at the Phinehas S. Newton Library, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously**

**Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$4,125 to pay the Town's FY 2019 share of the debt-service for the Athol-Royalston Regional High School accelerated repair program, or act anything thereon.

**Motion to table the article, seconded. Motion to table article 27 passed, 29 in favor, 0 against. Article TABLED**

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$30,000 for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow \$30,000 and issue bonds or notes therefor under M.G.L. c.44, §§7 or 8, M.G.L. c.111, s.127B 1/2 and/or G.L. c.29C, or any other enabling

authority; that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with those agreements, but such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town; and further that the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof; and that the Select Board or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects, and that in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §20, authorize any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, to be applied to the payment of costs approved hereunder, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.**

**Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote to delete Article XVIII of the General Bylaws, Capital Planning Committee, and replace it with the following, or act anything thereon.

#### **ARTICLE XVIII. CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**SECTION 1.** The Select Board shall establish and appoint a committee of five to be known as the Capital Planning Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee). Beginning in FY 2019, four members will be appointed at large, two for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. The fifth member shall be the Town Finance Director. Thereafter, expiring terms shall be filled by members appointed or reappointed for a term of three years, thus assuring a committee with at least two experienced members. The Chair and Secretary will be elected annually by a vote of the Committee.

**SECTION 2.** The Committee shall, each year, study proposed capital projects and improvements involving major non-recurring tangible assets and projects which:

- A. Are purchased or undertaken at intervals of not less than five years;
- B. Have a useful life of at least five years; and
- C. Cost at least \$5,000.00.

All department heads, officers, boards and committees, including the Select Board and School Committee, shall, by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, provide the Committee with information concerning all anticipated capital purchases and/or projects covered under this bylaw and requiring Town Meeting action during the ensuing five years and either describe how such capital outlays fit into the Town's long-term Capital Improvement Plan or advocate for amendment of the Plan to include them. The Committee shall consider the relative need, impact, timing, and cost of these expenditures and the effect each will have on the financial position of the Town.

**SECTION 3.** Based on the information received, the Committee shall present annually to the Select Board for approval a Capital Spending Budget for the ensuing fiscal year, and a Capital Improvement Plan including recommended capital improvements for the following ten fiscal years. The Committee shall extend, re-evaluate and/or update as necessary the Capital Improvement Plan annually. The Committee shall submit the Capital Spending Budget, as approved by the Select Board, to the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) for adoption by the Town.

**SECTION 4.** The Capital Improvement Plan, after its adoption, shall permit spending on approved programs or

improvements from departmental budgets for surveys, architectural or engineering advice, options, or appraisals. These expenditures must be appropriated by Town Meeting. Spending cannot fund preliminary planning for projects to be undertaken more than ten years in the future unless those projects have been included in an approved extension of the Capital Improvement Plan.

**Moved the article as written, seconded. Passed Unanimously.**

**Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to change the name of Maple Cemetery to Stewart Cemetery, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Discussion. Motion made to amend the motion on the floor to see if the town will vote to change the name of Maple Cemetery to Stewart Maple Cemetery, seconded. Motion to amend carried 16 in favor 13, against. Vote on the original motion as amended Passed Unanimously.**

**Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise the following amounts, for a total of \$158,692 to operate the Broadband Enterprise, the amounts to be raised from user fees, or act anything thereon.

Admin & Misc Operations	31,500
Network Operator& ISP	69,400
Depreciation	22,000
Debt Service	28,000
Extra/Unforeseen	7,792
<b>Total</b>	<b>158,692</b>

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.**

**Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,195,298 to fund the budgets for the following accounts, or act anything thereon.

**Moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,195,300 to fund the budgets for the following accounts: Seconded. Passed Unanimously.**

		<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>Final</b>	<b>% Incr.</b>
	<b>ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>Orig</b>	<b>Dept</b>	<b>Select</b>	<b>Fin</b>	<b>ATM</b>	<b>SB</b>
		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Board</b>	<b>Comm</b>		
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>							
1	Moderators Salary	100	100	100	100	100	0.00%
2	Select Board Chair Salary	3,677	3,769	3,769	3,769	3,769	2.50%
3	Select Board Member Salary	2,559	2,623	2,623	2,623	2,623	2.50%
4	Select Board Clerk Salary	2,942	3,016	3,016	3,016	3,016	2.50%
5	Select Board Secretary Salary	2,940	3,014	3,014	3,014	3,014	2.50%
6	Select Board Misc. Expense	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.00%
7	Select Board Grant Writing Expense	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.00%

8	Admin Asst Wages	16,469	17,215	22,500	22,500	22,500	36.62%
9	Admin Asst Expense	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.00%
10	Town Accountant Salary	18,000	18,500	18,500	18,500	18,500	2.78%
11	Certification Town Accountant		500	500	500	500	
12	Town Accountant Expense	3,500	3,290	3,290	3,290	3,290	-6.00%
13	Audit Expense		-	-	-		
14	Board of Assessors Chair Salary	2,563	2,627	2,627	2,627	2,627	2.50%
15	Board of Assessors Member Salary	1,584	1,622	1,622	1,622	1,622	2.40%
16	Board of Assessors Member Salary	1,584	1,622	1,622	1,622	1,622	2.40%
17	Assessors Expense	6,674	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	-2.61%
18	Assessors Clerks Wages	8,553	8,766	8,766	8,766	8,766	2.49%
19	Treasurers Salary	14,000	14,350	16,000	16,000	16,000	14.29%
20	Treasurers Expense	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.00%
21	Harpers Payroll	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.00%
22	Vadar Software (Treasurer portion)		1,790	1,790	1,790	1,790	
23	Custodians of Tax Title Salary	50	50	50	50	50	0.00%
24	Tax Collector/ Finance Dir Salary	19,626	19,626	19,626	19,626	19,626	0.00%
25	Tax Collector Certification	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%
26	Tax Collectors Expense	6,150	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,400	-12.20%
27	Officer Bonding	1,335	1,860	1,860	1,860	1,860	39.33%
28	Information Technology Expense	4,870	4,870	4,870	4,870	4,870	0.00%
29	IT Director Salary	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.00%
30	Legal Expense	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	0.00%
31	Town Clerks Salary	12,750	13,069	13,069	13,069	13,069	2.50%
32	Town Clerks Expense	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.00%
33	Election Expense	7,069	11,489	11,489	11,489	11,489	62.53%
34	Energy Committee Expense	500	500	500	500	500	0.00%
35	Conservation Commission Expense	450	450	450	450	450	0.00%
36	Historic Commission	300	300	300	300	300	0.00%
37	Z.B.A. Expense	300	300	300	300	300	0.00%
38	Planning Board Expense	500	500	500	500	500	0.00%
39	Open Space & Rec Comm Expense	200	200	200	200	200	0.00%
40	Event Committee Expense	500	500	500	500	500	0.00%
41	Agriculture Committee Expense	600	600	600	600	600	0.00%
42	J.N. Bartlett Treasurer Salary	50	50	50	50	50	0.00%
	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>						
43	Police Dept. Wages	74,998	82,095	82,095	82,095	82,095	9.46%
44	Police Dept. Expense	22,984	24,969	24,969	24,969	24,969	8.64%
45	Fire Chief Salary	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.00%
46	Fire Dept. Wages	33,825	34,671	34,671	34,671	34,671	2.50%
47	Fire Dept. Expense	47,756	48,950	48,950	48,950	48,950	2.50%
48	Emerg Mgmt. Director Salary	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%
49	Civilian Defense/Emerg Mgmt. Expense	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	0.00%
50	24 Hr Dispatch Expense	21,980	25,497	25,497	25,497	25,497	16.00%
51	Building Inspector Salary	12,923	14,500	13,247	13,247	13,247	2.51%
52	Bldg. Inspector Clerk (prev. in Exp line)	1,950	2,106	2,106	2,106	2,106	8.00%
53	Building Inspector Expense	3,788	3,893	3,893	3,893	3,893	2.77%



54	Bldg Insp Code Enforcement (New)		2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	
55	Animal Inspector Salary	816	836	836	836	836	2.50%
56	Animal Control Expense	5,094	4,613	4,613	4,613	4,613	-9.44%
57	Tree Department Expense	200	200	200	200	200	0.00%
58	DPW-Highway Tree Maint Fund Expense	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%
	<b>EDUCATION</b>						
59	Athol- Royalston Reg Assessment	570,986	558,713	558,713	558,713	558,713	-2.15%
60	Monty Tech Assessment	87,072	121,932	121,932	121,932	121,932	40.04%
	<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>						
61	Public Halls/Municipal Bldg Expense	75,000	77,500	77,500	77,500	77,500	3.33%
62	DPW-Highway Salary	259,080	276,645	276,645	276,645	276,645	6.78%
63	DPW-Highway General Expense	79,430	81,415	81,415	81,415	81,415	2.50%
64	DPW-Highway Summer Temp Wages	16,640	16,973	16,973		16,973	2.00%
65	DPW-Highway Maintenance Expense	33,000	36,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	9.09%
66	Snow & Ice	185,000	200,500	200,500	200,500	200,500	8.38%
67	Street Lights Expense	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.00%
68	Sewer Comm Chair Salary	300	384	308	308	308	2.50%
69	Sewer Comm Member Salary	250	320	256	256	256	2.50%
70	Sewer Comm Member Salary	250	320	256	256	256	2.50%
71	Select Board - Care of Town Clocks Salary	52	52	52	52	52	0.00%
72	Care of Cemeteries/Cem Expense	250	250	300	300	300	20.00%
73	Cemetery Comm Chair Salary	250	250	250	250	250	0.00%
74	Cemetery Comm Member Salary	200	200	200	200	200	0.00%
75	Cemetery Comm Member Salary	200	200	200	200	200	0.00%
76	Board of Health Chair Salary	1,663	1,705	1,705	1,705	1,705	2.50%
77	Board of Health Member Salary	1,341	1,375	1,375	1,375	1,375	2.50%
78	Board of Health Clerk Salary	1,457	1,493	1,493	1,493	1,493	2.50%
79	Board of Health Expense	51,000	52,500	52,500	52,500	52,500	2.94%
80	Board of Health Landfill Monitor Expense	3,885					100.00%
81	Board of Health Wages	16,500	19,620	19,620	16,500	19,620	18.91%
82	Board of Health Mgmt. Acct Salary	2,505	2,568	2,568	2,568	2,568	2.50%
	<b>HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES</b>						
83	Veterans Services Expense	3,910	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	2.30%
84	Veterans Benefits Expense	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,500	0.00%
85	Council on Aging Expense	800	800	800	800	800	0.00%
86	Elderly Transportation Expense	200	200	200	200	200	0.00%
87	Library Wages	34,500	38,208	38,208	38,208	38,208	10.75%
88	Library Expenses	26,272	27,963	27,963	27,963	27,963	6.44%
89	Memorial Day Expense	650	650	650	650	650	0.00%
	<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS &amp; INSURANCE</b>						
90	Short Term Interest Expense	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%
91	County Retirement	50,000	52,449	52,449	52,449	52,449	4.90%
92	Workmen's Compensation Expense	17,000	13,789	13,789	13,789	13,789	-18.89%
93	Unemployment - Contributory Expense	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.00%
94	Health Insurance Expense	50,000	52,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0.00%
95	Town Share Medicare Expense	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	0.00%
96	Liability Insurance Expense	40,000	44,600	44,600	44,600	44,600	11.50%

97	Insurance - Police & Fire Liab Expense	15,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	13.33%
98	Reserve Account	46,949	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	-57.40%
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,116,501</b>	<b>2,194,772</b>	<b>2,195,300</b>	<b>2,175,207</b>		

**Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a portion of funds in the Treasury to reduce the tax rate for this coming year, or act anything thereon.

**Moved to table the article, seconded. Motion passed 20 in favor, 7 against. Article TABLED**

**Article 34.** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E½, as most recently amended, to establish FY2019 spending limits as set forth below for the revolving funds listed in Section 1 of the General Bylaw entitled, “Revolving Funds”, approved under Article 31 of the May 5, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, with such limits to be applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year until revised by Town Meeting prior to July 1 for the ensuing fiscal year, or act anything thereon.

<b>Program or Purpose</b>	<b>Spending Limit</b>
Board of Health	\$10,000
Plumbing Inspection Service	\$8,000
Wiring Inspection Service	\$8,000
Post Office Account	\$18,500

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.**

**Moderator George Northrop commented on the disappointing turnout for this Annual Town Meeting. Discussion was held about ways to encourage participation.**

**Motion made at 9:20 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded. Passed Unanimously.**